



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

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

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Peter Lear, Interim City Manager
Mark Moriarty, City Attorney
Patsy Adkins, City Clerk
Kathryn Peto, Deputy City Clerk

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

1:00 PM

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE 07-11-2017 MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

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

Invocation provided by Reverend Eddie DeJesus, Jr., of New Hope Community Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to suspend the rules for Commission Procedure. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – COMMISSION

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve the agenda moving 6.D. after 6.G. and moving 6.F. prior to 5.A. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. [17-0986](#) Current Vacancies for Boards and Committees.

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

B. [17-0987](#) Upcoming Expiration Dates for Boards and Committees.

City Clerk Adkins read the upcoming expirations into the record for the Boards and Committees.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was suggested that any applicants for the Boards and Committees be allowed to speak before the consent agenda items; (2) it was noted that a question will be asked to see if anyone is in the audience who would like to speak on their application; (3) it was noted that the City Clerk is actively seeking members for the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1:10 p.m. - 1:19 p.m.

Brenda Barber. Parking and Property Ordinances.

Bonnie Robinson. Parking Ordinances.

Buddy Hughes. Cross County bus transportation.

Pete Pederson. Boat Parking.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

A. [17-0985](#) Approval of Minutes for the December 13, 2016 Commission Regular Meeting; February 27, 2017 Commission Workshop Meeting; and the March 6, 2017 Commission Budget Workshop Meeting.

B. [17-0940](#) Cash Receipts Summary - February 2017

E. [17-0978](#) Approve appointment of David Wheatcroft as a member to the Citizens Tax Oversight Committee.

F. [17-0979](#) Approve recommending Thomas J. Noyes for appointment as the City of North Port Representative to the Sarasota County Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Advisory Committee.

G. [17-0980](#) Appointment of Kyle Parsotan as a Youth Member to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

C. [17-0922](#) Disposition of surplus assets by an appropriate fashion per City Ordinance No. 06-29 Sec. 2-410 set forth in F.S. 274.02(1).

Interim City Manager Lear introduced the item and explained that North Port High School requested the donation of a Dodge Magnum for Project Graduation.

Discussion ensued: (1) a suggestion was brought up to have Project Graduation members come before the Commission and make a presentation for public education; (2) following a question, Interim City Manager Lear stated the Fleet Division is compiling

a list of all vehicles for disposition, how long they have been on the list, and how they are being disposed; (3) it was noted when Project Graduation first got started the City was donating two cars annually to the organization; (4) it was noted that Project Graduation would be benefitted by presenting to the Commission but they should not be required to come annually; (5) a brief overview of the history and purpose of Project Graduation was provided; (6) the cars that are donated have a nominal value and have depreciated off the City's books; (7) subsequent to a question, it was unclear if Imagine School of North Port participates in Project Graduation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Buddy Hughes: Disposition of assets.

Discussion continued: (1) it was confirmed that in the past a live auctioneer was used to dispose of surplus assets but now it is all done online.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve the disposition of surplus assets including the donation to Project Graduation and North Port High School. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

D. [17-0975](#) Agreement with Loomis Armored US, LLC

Interim City Manager Lear introduced the item and explained that a contract is now needed instead of a purchase order that was previously being used.

Discussion ensued: (1) it was stated that the contract from Loomis is a service provider agreement; (2) subsequent to a question, it was stated that the City requires Loomis to maintain a certain level of insurance and if Loomis does not maintain that level of insurance there is no provision for immediate cancellation by the City; (3) it was noted that the contract indicates that Loomis will be the exclusive provider for the City; (4) this contract is a standard agreement that Loomis provided to the City; (5) the City has 30 days prior to the expiration of the current term to cancel the contract; (6) the non-appropriation clause of the contract was explained; (7) it was stated that the City can not be forced to spend tax payer funds if they do not deem it appropriate; (8) it was stated that staff had provided a different response to questions about the contract on a previous date; (9) Dunbar is another company that does not require a contract for services; (10) the estimated annual cost for Loomis is \$6,200.00; (11) Loomis was chosen over Dunbar because their cost was lower and they are the current vendor; (12) Loomis is charging a 7% insurance and Dunbar has the insurance fee built into their base price; (13) Dunbar quote was not included in the back up material because they were not the company that was chosen; (14) Dunbar is not requiring a contract for services with the City; (15) it was stated that this decision was not based solely on price there was other factors taken into consideration; (16) it was stated that there would be no lapse in service if this contract was denied. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to decline the agreement with Loomis Armored US LLC. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

F. [17-0819](#) Report of crosswalk analysis on South Biscayne Drive between Safford

Terrace and Elyton Drive.

Interim City Manager Lear and Public Works Director Bellia gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the crosswalk on Biscayne Blvd.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) following a question, it was stated that the crosswalk and sidewalk project can be handled in conjunction with one another; (2) it was stated that there is not sidewalks on both sides of the street on the north side of Biscayne Drive to connect with cross walks so they were not considered for this study; (3) crosswalks on Pan American Blvd were not considered because the width of the road is very large; (4) following a question, it was noted that usage was one part of the criteria that was considered in this project; (5) after a question, it was explained that this intersection was chosen because of its proximity to the Library and the adjoining neighborhood; (6) the intersection at Biscayne Drive and Sydney Blvd was not chosen because there is not a lot of foot traffic in the area and also because of the infrastructure that would need to be added; (7) it was noted that staff was looking for any location that would be appropriate for a cross walk not just one location; (8) subsequent to a question, it was confirmed that the City is indemnified by not installing a cross walk near US 41 at Biscayne Drive; (9) it was suggested that the crosswalk at Biscayne Drive and Hyde Park be moved back to the end of the median as opposed to being at the intersection; (10) following a question, it was confirmed that you would still need drainage pipe if the crosswalk was moved to the median; (11) it was noted that an assumption was made that a bigger variety of age groups would be using the Library as opposed to the park; (12) it was confirmed that the cost would increase to install two crosswalks but the increase would not be substantial.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jill Luke, Justin Willis. Sidewalks.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to approve putting in crosswalks at two locations, Hyde Park and Biscayne on the north side and on the south side of Sydney and Biscayne through the median as discussed. The motion carried with 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 have staff move forward with the actions necessary to install the sidewalk connecting north of Sydney to South Hyde park on the east side. The motion carried with 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 direct staff to check into adding a crosswalk across Biscayne Drive along the South side of US41 access road known as Tamiami Trail. The motion carried with 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 have staff provide recommended actions needed for a crosswalk study on the entire roadway of Pan American and the entire roadway of Biscayne south of I75. The motion carried with the following vote:

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to amend the motion to include Pan American in its entirety up to the Biscayne Drive and Pan American Blvd intersection. The motion carried with 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 amend the motion so that the crosswalk study should include any infrastructure necessary to create safe crosswalks. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

A vote was taken on the main motion, as amended, to have staff provide recommended actions needed for a crosswalk study on the entire roadway of Pan American and the entire roadway of Biscayne south of I75; to include Pan American in its entirety up to the Biscayne Drive and Pan American Blvd intersection; and the crosswalk study should include any infrastructure necessary to create safe crosswalks. The motion carried with 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 direct staff to stripe and sign the North Port Blvd and South Biscayne Drive intersection creating a pedestrian crosswalk within 4 weeks and having the same intersection complete a traffic warrant analysis within 6 weeks. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Justin Willis. Parking at North Port Health Department.

There was a consensus to move 6.A. and 6.C. before 5.A.

Recess 3:32 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

There was a consensus to move 6.C. in front of 6.A.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

C. [17-0956](#)

Discussion, and possible action regarding the awarding of funds from the Special Event Assistance Program to the People for Trees, Inc. in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the cost of renting the North Port Community Education Center (Peterson Room).

Interim City Manager Lear provided an overview and Valerie Ollinger, Board of Directors of People for Trees, gave a brief overview of their organization and event.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) following a question, it was stated that People for Trees will provide their own tents but they have to rent the Center from the City; (2) it was confirmed that the Peterson room rental is \$360.00 for 5 hours; (3) it was confirmed that special event permit assistance is determined based on estimated attendance; (4) it was noted that criteria for the assistance can be changed with Commission direction; (5) the special event permit assistance was not adopted by Ordinance; (6) it was stated that People for Trees did not request \$200.00 in assistance; that is all they are eligible for.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to award People for Trees the full amount of \$360.00 for the rental of the Center. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

- A. [17-0973](#) Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ending September 30, 2016.

Interim City Manager Lear introduced the item and Wade Sansbury, a partner with Mullins and Jenkins, presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. There was no public comment, no questions from the Commission, and no action needed.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- A. [17-0989](#) Ordinance 2017-10 First Reading, Amending Commission Procedures

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, that Ordinance 2017-10 be read by title only. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

City Clerk Adkins read Ordinance 2017-10 into the record by title only. Thereafter, City Attorney Moriarty provided a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) it was noted the Ordinance number is correct on the clean copy; (2) it was noted that there are several scriveners' errors and those can be addressed directly with staff; (3) it was stated that the call to order and roll call are usually together and the Pledge of Allegiance is usually done with the Invocation; (4) a change was discussed to include that agenda items can be submitted to the City Manager or City Clerk.

There was a consensus to change Page 3(b) 2 to add "and/or City Clerk" to the end of the sentence.

There was a consensus to move Roll Call to number 1 and move Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance to number 2 on page 3, Sec 2-55 (c).

Discussion continued: (1) it was suggested that 3. A. on page 3 needed to have the word "signatures" added to it so it is more clear.

There was a consensus on Page 3(b) 3 A. to read "a copy of the proposed ordinance for reconsideration and the petition with signatures of at least ten percent of the qualified voters of the city, as certified by the Supervisor of Elections, shall be filed with the City Clerk."

A consensus was made on page 3, (b) 3. B. to add the word "consider" so the sentence will now read "When a properly filed petition is received, the Commission shall consider the agenda item."

Discussion continued: (1) it was noted that the intent of both Public Comment sections is for citizens to discuss any matter they wish.

A consensus was made to change page 4, (c) 5. and 12. to read "Public Comment: other than quasi judicial."

A consensus was made on page 4, (d) (A) to take out the word "general" before Public Comment.

Discussion continued: (1) Public Comment was left after Commission Communications and Administrative and Legal reports to allow the Public an opportunity to comment on any of those communications; (2) subsequent to a question, it was stated that Resolutions are considered Public Hearings.

There was a consensus to strike page 4, (c) "7. Public hearings for Resolutions" in its entirety.

There was a consensus on Page 4, (d), (B) on the third line down in the second paragraph, it should have "for each item" added to the end of the sentence.

Discussion continued: (1) it was noted that Resolutions can be read by title only per the City Charter.

There was a consensus on Page 4, (e) 2. to add "upon request of the commission" at end of sentence.

Discussion continued: (1) it was suggested that the order of Public Hearing be consistent with the Quasi-Judicial Hearing Ordinance.

There was a consensus on page 5, for numbers 3 and 4 to be swapped.

There was a consensus to add the following as number 3 "The Mayor or designee may call upon a Charter Officer or designee to introduce the matter."

A consensus was made to change on Page 5, (f) add "which may require" after items are matters....., remove the phrase "due to their nature" and "is warranted" so it will now read "General Business items are matters which may require staff input and full discussion by the Commission."

There was a consensus to change Page 5, (g) to add "and ministerial" after noncontroversial.

There was a consensus to change Page 7, (d) to have the end of the last sentence reflect 2-54 (b) and (e) not (b) and (e).

There was a consensus to change Page 7 to change Section 2-62 to Section 2-61 (which will require renumbering of the remainder of the document.)

There was a consensus to strike Section 2-62 in its entirety.

Discussion continued: (1) it was stated that Section 2-60 relates to videotaping and photography in the Chambers; (2) it was stated that Section 2-60 was not addressed because there were no changes to be made; (3) clarification was provided that this Ordinance needs to come back for second reading at the April 25, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks,

to continue Ordinance 2017-10 to the April 25, 2017 meeting for second reading inclusive of the changes. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Discussion ensued and suggestions were made regarding Vice-Mayor Carusone's participation in Commission Meetings while she is out for medical reasons.

Recess 5:23p.m. - 5:37 p.m.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

B. [17-0969](#) Selection of an executive search firm for the recruitment of a new City Manager

Interim City Manager Lear provided an overview and explained that the search firms are listed in order of when their responses to the solicitation were received.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) a suggestion was made to see if the current Interim City Manager Lear would be willing to permanently accept the position as opposed to using a search firm; (2) Interim City Manager Lear confirmed he would be willing to consider the position; (3) the qualifications for the City Manager position were read into the record; (4) Interim City Manager Lear outlined his educational experience; (5) it was stated that Interim City Manager Lear does meet the requirements for the City Manager job description; (6) it was noted that a contract would need to come back before the Commission before this can be finalized; (a) the contract should include a "sunset" clause in the event Interim City Manager Lear decides he does not want to keep the position; (7) it was stated that should Interim City Manager Lear accept the position as City Manager, it would be a seamless transition. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to bring forward a contract for Pete Lear as the City Manager using the past manager's contract as a template for negotiation. The motion and the second were withdrawn.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to have staff bring the Commission the prior City Manager's contract for drafting of an offer to Interim City Manager Pete Lear for the City Manager position within the first couple weeks of June for a special meeting. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Discussion continued: (1) it was noted that all the recruitment firms will be notified that the search is on hold. There was no public comment.

E. [17-0923](#) Discussion, and possible action regarding amending the Code of the

City of North Port, Florida Noise regulations to exempt approved planned developments from the noise regulations as it pertains to pumps, air-conditioning or air handling equipment.

Interim City Manager Lear and Planning Division Manager Norton provided an overview of the Ordinance.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) it was stated that any modifications that are made will come back to the Commission for a first reading; (2) subsequent to a question, it was noted that this action is stemming from a code enforcement complaint in a deed restricted community; (3) the reading for decibel levels is done from the property line; (4) the Code that is being used is solid because it has quantifiable noise levels; (5) staff would like to exempt deed restricted communities while still making this Code enforceable for the rest of North Port; (6) HOA and deed restricted communities have their own rules that are layered on top of the minimum rules that North Port requires; (7) it was stated that if an HOA or deed restriction has an issue that is "silent" the Code of North Port will always apply and be enforceable; (8) a CDD through the Florida Statute is its own government and an HOA is not; (9) Assistant City Manager Schult stated that by providing this exemption it is forcing the HOA and deed restricted communities to deal with this issue and code enforcement does not have to get involved; (10) this is a city administrative code, it is not a building code or a ULDC code; (11) there was a suggestion made for staff to review the remaining parts of this code because it is very old; (12) this Code will not affect residential two family zoning districts; (13) Duplexes and Villas share an internal wall and this Code pertains to the set backs on the property lines. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to direct staff to bring forward the ordinance to amend the code, Chapter 46 for the noise ordinance amendments as presented. The motion carried with 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 direct staff to review in its totality Chapter 46, Article 2, Division 2, the noise code. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

D. [17-0763](#)

Discussion, and possible action regarding amending the City of North Port Administrative Code to repeal in its entirety Chapter 70, Article III – Street Naming and Property Numbering and replacing with a new Chapter 70, Article III – Property Numbering, Naming, Renaming and Honorary Naming of Streets.

Interim City Manager Lear and Zoning Coordinator Willette-Gronin provided a Power Point presentation.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) it was stated that some counties do not have honorary street names to avoid confusion in an emergency; (2) it was stated that land marks may not be necessary because a lot is done by GPS; (3) subsequent to a question, a Savings Clause was explained that it is preserving the Code from any conflict; (4) it was noted that the City Attorney will research where the Savings Clause

came from; (5) it was asked that modular homes be added to the definition of a Building; (6) it was suggested that the definition of Building, Principal be re-worded so it's less confusing; (7) it was noted that some of these definitions may be defined through HUD and can't be re-worded, staff will check into this; (8) it was noted that definition of street is referring to vehicle travel; (9) it was explained that Section 70-58 has chart that outlines how street suffixes are assigned; (10) it was suggested in Section 70-55 to specify that addressing will be assigned to the principal building; (11) subsequent to a question, it was confirmed that all renaming and honorary naming of streets will be approved by the Commission; (12) it was recommended in Section 70-55 to have "street, road, or highway" changed to "roadway"; (13) it was stated that the language in Section 70-56 (c) is confusing because of the east/west intersect with Price Blvd and should be re-worded; (14) it was suggested that Section 70-56 (e) be stricken because the language is already present in Section 40-57 (a); (15) it was noted that the City's grid map is being updated; (16) following a concern, it was noted that if any additional property was annexed only the corresponding Section would need to be amended not the entire Ordinance; (17) it was explained that -Section 70-56 (g) 1-5 are being deleted because it is not relevant to addressing as it is done now; (a) removing this part will not affect any existing addresses; (18) the methodology for creating addresses was explained as taking the number of parcels on a roadway and dividing them equally and separating even from odds; (19) if there are multiple lots that need to have an address you use the lot with the principle structure with the primary access; (20) it was noted that within shopping centers, each unit is addressed separately; (21) a vacant lot does not have an address, it has a parcel id number and mail is sent to the address of the registered owner; (22) an address for a vacant lot is not assigned until a principle structure has been constructed; (23) it was recommended in Section 70-57 (g) (1) to take out the word "unless" and replace it with "if" in regards to a nonresidential farm building; (24) a lift station, bridge, or tower structure on a property will be given an address number for identification purposes only; (25) subsequent to a concern, Fire Chief Taaffe confirmed that they know what side of the street an address is by the number; (26) it was suggested to review Section 70-57 (h) (5) and (7) regarding residential and commercial residential units; (27) it was noted that you cannot change the name of a street unless it is a life safety issue; (28) it was suggested to remove "renaming" from Section 70-58 (b); (29) it was recommended to move Section 70-58 (b) (7) into Section 70-57; (30) it was noted that all street names are held in a reserve for one year once submitted by the developer; (31) it was suggested in Section 70-58 (e) to remove "and existing streets"; (32) it was recommended that some clarification is provided in Section 70-58 that the City will only provide street signs for accepted street names; (33) it was explained that description of Avenue and Street are correctly worded in this Ordinance, the language in the previous Ordinance was incorrect; (34) it was suggested merging Section 70-59 into Section 70-57; (35) it was noted that Section 70-59 (b) allows for correction of address numbers that were incorrectly issued; (36) a recommendation was made in Section 70-59 (b) to change "or" to "and" allowing for notification of address change to be sent to owner and occupant; (37) it was suggested in Section 70-60 to add language that citizens cannot request a street name change; (38) it was stated that there are several ways to honor people in the City without renaming streets; (39) there is an ad hoc Naming Committee for these projects; (40) there was a recommendation to remove Section 70-64 in its entirety to avoid any confusion in an emergency. There was no public comment.

There was a consensus to remove Section 70-64 in its entirety.

There was a consensus for staff to move forward with putting the Ordinance together considering all clarification discussed.

G. [17-0936](#)

Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of two Members to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

City Clerk Adkins provided a brief overview.

Discussion and questions ensued: (1) it was stated that applicant, Helen Marchese, has only served one term as a regular member; (a) she served as an alternate for three months prior to her appointment. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Carusone, seconded by Commissioner McDowell, to appoint Helen Marchese and Megan Worley as regular members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Discussion continued: (1) a suggestion was made to move all Advisory Board appointments to the announcement section of the agenda; (2) it was noted that the Commission can not vote during the announcements section of the Agenda; (3) it was stated that they Agenda item would have to be moved; (3) a further suggestion was made to have any applicant come introduce themselves under the Public Comment section of the Agenda; (4) the issue of Advisory applicants should be addressed when the Commission Procedures Ordinance is heard.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was held: 8:35 p.m. - 8:38 p.m.

Buddy Hughes: Equipment in the Chambers, Lucheon at Venice Gardens, West Villages.

8. SCHEDULING OF WORKSHOPS:

There were no workshops scheduled.

9. COMMISSION REPORTS:

Vice-Mayor Carusone: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hanks: Nothing to report.

Commissioner McDowell attended: (1) National League of Cities; (2) Florida League of Cities; (3) Argus Foundation Luncheon; (4) Shannon Staub Friends of the Library Luncheon; (5) North Port High School's Shrek the Musical; (6) it was suggested to have local school's newsletters sent to keep up to date with events.

Mayor Yates: (1) requested an update from Interim City Manager Lear on the ULDC re-write; (2) copies of the public forum.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:

City Clerk Adkins: Nothing to report.

Deputy City Clerk Peto: Nothing to report.

City Attorney Moriarty: Nothing to report.

Interim City Manager Lear: (1) reported that the City's bond rating was upgraded to a AA.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Yates adjourned the North Port City Commission Regular Meeting at 8:45 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.