



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission Regular Meeting

### **CITY COMMISSIONERS**

*Debbie McDowell, Mayor*

*Jill Luke, Vice Mayor*

*Christopher Hanks, Commissioner*

*Pete Emrich, Commissioner*

*Vanessa Carusone, Commissioner*

### **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

*Peter Lear, City Manager*

*Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney*

*Heather Taylor, City Clerk*

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Tuesday, June 9, 2020

10:00 AM

ZOOM

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### **Virtual Meeting**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McDowell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Debbie McDowell, Vice Mayor Jill Luke, Commissioner Christopher Hanks, Commissioner Vanessa Carusone and Commissioner Pete Emrich

#### **Also Present:**

City Manager Peter Lear, City Attorney Amber Slayton, City Clerk Heather Taylor, City Grant Writer Valerie Malingowski, Planning Division Manager Nicole Galehouse, Recording Secretary Susan Hale, Administrative Services Specialist Becky Frost, and Police Chief Todd Garrison.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hanks.

Ms. Slayton provided a brief introduction relative to the virtual meeting.

#### **1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Lear requested postponing Ordinance No. 2020-16, Ordinance No. 2020-14 and Ordinance No. 2020-15 to the June 23, 2020 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding moving the quasi-judicial items to a July meeting due to the hybrid nature of the June 23, 2020 meeting.

Ms. Galehouse contacted John Luczynski, Manasota Beach Ranchlands, LLLP, who was amenable to a July meeting.

Mr. Lear suggested July 2, 2020.

Ms. Slayton stated public comment for the postponed ordinances will be forwarded with those items to the July meeting.

***A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Vice Mayor Luke, to approve the agenda, moving Items Ordinance No. 2020-16, Ordinance No. 2020-14 and Ordinance No. 2020-15 to the July 2, 2020 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

## **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A. [20-2289](#) Current Vacancies and Upcoming Expirations for Boards and Committees.**

Ms. Taylor read the Current Advisory Board Vacancies and Upcoming Expiration Dates for Boards and Committees into the record.

Recess was taken from 10:14 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. due to technical difficulties.

Upon reconvening, roll call was taken in which all Commissioners were present.

Following reconvening the meeting, it was restated that there were no public comments, the announcements for advisory board vacancies and upcoming expirations were re-announced, and the vote on the motion to approve the agenda was retaken.

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

***A motion was made by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Vice Mayor Luke, to approve the agenda, moving Items Ordinance No. 2020-16, Ordinance No. 2020-14 and Ordinance No. 2020-15 to the July 2, 2020 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

It was noted that the School Resource Officer (SRO) contract includes a provision for extenuating circumstances during the upcoming school year.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

### **A. [20-2220](#) Approve the Agreement Between Imagine School at North Port, Inc. (ISNP) and the City of North Port for the School Resource Officer Program, with the City Receiving \$139,346.78 from ISNP**

*This item was approved on consent.*

- B. [20-2224](#) Approve First Amendment to the City of North Port, Florida and Sabal Trace Development Partners, LLC Water and Wastewater System Developer's Agreement

*This item was approved on consent.*

- C. [20-2254](#) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Bob Gualtieri, as Sheriff of Pinellas County, and the City of North Port Regarding Florida's Facial Recognition Network, which Provides the North Port Police Department Access to Florida's Facial Recognition Network (FR-Net), Hosted by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

*This item was approved on consent.*

- D. [20-2259](#) Appoint Kim French to the Community Economic Development Advisory Board as the Diversified Light Industrial/Manufacturing Representative to Serve from June 9, 2020 to June 9, 2022

*This item was approved on consent.*

- E. [20-2290](#) Approve Minutes for the May 12, 2020 Commission Regular Meeting, and May 26, 3030 Commission Regular Meeting

*This item was approved on consent.*

## **5. PRESENTATIONS: TIME LIMIT OF 15 MINUTES**

- A. [20-2236](#) Presentation by Christie Nolan, Consultant & Certified Professional Coach with Mission Matters and Possible Action to Accept 2022-2025 Strategic Plan

Mr. Lear introduced the item.

Ms. Nolan presented the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, including the following eight priority areas: Health and Public Safety; Parks and Recreation; Infrastructure; Economic Development and Job Creation; Historical, Cultural, and Environmental Preservation; Affordability, Growth & Development; Neighborhood Enhancement; and Efficient & Effective Government.

Discussion ensued regarding correcting Commissioner Luke's phone number, and possible confusion regarding inclusion of the Mayor's letter in the report.

***There was a consensus to remove the Mayor's letter from the Strategic Plan.***

***There was a consensus to ensure all Commissioner's phone numbers are accurate.***

Discussion ensued regarding the 2005 Census correction in the timeline, a correct population determination, using an estimated population, and retaining the population calculation provided by the Bureau of Economic & Business Research (BEBR).

***There was a consensus requested to remove the BEBR 2005 population count from the timeline. No consensus was obtained.***

Discussion continued regarding the 1970 census.

***There was a consensus to add the 1970 census number to the timeline.***

Discussion continued regarding timelines for the aquatic center.

***There was a consensus to remove the 2017 planning references to the aquatic center.***

Discussion continued pertaining to City park expansions in the east end and west end.

***There was a consensus to add "of the City" to the east west directions in the Parks and Recreation Goals and Objectives.***

It was noted that there are nine activity centers, and a summary statement regarding annexations.

Mr. Lear spoke to conditions under which additions to the Strategic Plan will require the Plan to come back for Commission approval.

***There was a consensus to update the Strategic Plan to include the following annexations in the timeline: West Village district areas, U.S. 41 Corridor, Orange Hammock Ranch, and to reference Central Parc as the ninth activity center.***

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to approve the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, removing the Mayor's letter from the Strategic Plan, ensuring all Commissioner's phone numbers are accurate, adding the 1970 census number to the timeline, removing the 2017 planning references to the aquatic center, adding "of the City" to the east west directions in the Parks and Recreation Goals and Objectives, and updating the Strategic Plan to include the following annexations in the timeline: West Village district areas, U.S. 41 Corridor, Orange Hammock Ranch, and to reference Central Parc as the ninth activity center.***

## **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **ORDINANCE - Second Reading:**

- A. [ORD. NO. 2020-17](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Annexing ±1.6 Acres of Real Property Located in the Unincorporated Area of Sarasota County, Florida and Contiguous to the Existing City Limits of the City of North Port, Pursuant to Petition No. ANX-20-057, and Redefining the Boundary Lines of the City to Include This Property; Providing for Findings; Providing for Annexation; Providing for Assessment and Taxation; Providing for Filing of Approved Documents; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Ms. Taylor read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Lear introduced the item.

There were no questions or comments from the Commission and there was no public comment.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-14 as presented. The motion carried by the following***

**vote:**

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

- B.** [ORD. NO. 2020-16](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Unified Land Development Code, Section 53-213.a.(2), Village Index Map; Providing for Amendments to the West Villages Index Map for Certain Portions of Village F, Village G, and Village I, Including One or More of the Following: Boundaries, Acreages, Locations of Police/Fire Stations and Utility Site, Roadway Alignments, Village Centers, Park Acreages, Potential School Sites, Hotel Site and Deleting a Local Road; Providing for Findings; Providing for Adoption; Providing for Filing of Approved Documents; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflicts; and Providing an Effective Date (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

*This item was postponed to July 2, 2020.*

- C.** [ORD. NO. 2020-14](#) An Ordinance Of the City Of North Port, Florida, Amending the Unified Land Development Code, Chapter 53, Article XVIII – V Village, Section 53-214.F.(6), Village F Village District Pattern Plan (West Villages); Amending the Boundary of Village F to Add ±8.00 Acres to the Southeast Area of the Village and Adjusting the Neighborhood Layout; Providing for Findings; Providing for Adoption; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

*This item was postponed to July 2, 2020.*

- D.** [ORD. NO. 2020-15](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Amending the Unified Land Development Code, Chapter 53, Article XVIII – V Village, Section 53-214.F.(7), Village G Village District Pattern Plan (West Villages); Amending the Boundary of Village G to Add ±41.00 Acres to the Southwest Corner of the Village and Amending the Neighborhood Layout; Providing for Findings; Providing for Adoption; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date (QUASI-JUDICIAL)

*This item was postponed to July 2, 2020.*

**ORDINANCE - First Reading:**

- E.** [ORD. NO. 2020-22](#) An Ordinance of the City of North Port, Florida, Calling for a Referendum Question to Be Placed Before the Qualified Electors of the City Of North Port, Florida at the November 3, 2020 General Election; Providing a Charter Referendum Question Determining Whether to Amend the City Charter to Remove the Designation of the Deputy City Clerk as a Charter Officer; Providing for the Full Text of the Proposed Charter Amendment; Providing Findings; Providing for an Effective Date if the Proposed Charter Amendment Is Approved; Providing for the Filing of the Ordinance with The

Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections; Providing for Publication of the Text of the Proposed Charter Amendment; Providing for Filing with the Florida Department of State if the Proposed Charter Amendment Is Approved; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; And Providing an Effective Date

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to read Ordinance 2020-22 by title only. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

Ms. Taylor read the Ordinance by title only.

Ms. Slayton introduced the item.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Slayton recommended concluding action on the present motion before considering a separate direction is proposed anticipating the referendum failing.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Emrich, to continue Ordinance No. 2020-22 for second reading on June 23, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:***

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

Discussion ensued regarding addressing further action after the November election results.

Mayor McDowell passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Luke.

***A motion was made by Mayor McDowell, to instruct the City Manager that if the referendum fails, to begin the application process for Deputy City Clerk by creating an agenda item to have the conversation with the newly elected Commissioners immediately after they are sworn in. There was no second and the motion died.***

Vice Mayor Luke passed the gavel back to Mayor McDowell.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS: continued**

### **A. [20-2236](#)**

Presentation by Christie Nolan, Consultant & Certified Professional Coach with Mission Matters and Possible Action to Accept 2022-2025 Strategic Plan

Ms. Slayton spoke to agenda item 20-2236 needing a vote.

Ms. Taylor restated the motion.

***A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to approve the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, removing the Mayor's letter from the Strategic Plan, ensuring all Commissioner's phone numbers are accurate, adding the 1979 census number to the timeline, removing the 2017 planning references to the aquatic center, adding "of the City" to the east west directions in the Parks and Recreation Goals and Objectives, and updating the Strategic Plan to include the following annexations in the timeline: West Village district areas, U.S. 41 Corridor,***

*Orange Hammock Ranch, and to reference Central Parc as the ninth activity center. The motion carried by the following vote:*

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

## **RESOLUTION:**

- F. [RES. NO. 2020-R-19](#) A Resolution of the City of North Port, Florida, Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute and Submit Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) and Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Grant Applications and All Related Documents; Incorporating Recitals: Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Taylor read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Lear introduced the item.

Mr. Lear spoke to staff efforts involved in looking for grant opportunities for the Price Boulevard road widening project.

Ms. Malingowski addressed grant submittals for the Price Boulevard improvement project, pursuing State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) loans, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) mitigation funding, and receiving guidance from the Florida State regarding funding options open to the City.

*A motion was made by Vice Mayor Luke, seconded by Commissioner Carusone, to approve Resolution No. 2020-R-19 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:*

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

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

## **8. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Emrich had nothing to report.

Commissioner Carusone had nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Luke spoke to supporting funding for police departments.

Commissioner Hanks spoke to the North Port Police Department exceptional rating of Double Excelsior.

Mayor McDowell spoke to the level of professionalism of Police Chief Garrison.

## **9. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL REPORTS:**

Mr. Lear acknowledged the positive leadership of Chief Garrison with the North Port police officers.

Ms. Slayton spoke to the City Attorney's office returning fully staffed when City Hall

reopens on June 15, 2020.

Ms. Taylor had nothing to report.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor McDowell adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie McDowell, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Taylor, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Commission Regular Meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2020.