



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Workshop

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Alice White, Mayor

Phil Stokes, Vice Mayor

Pete Emrich, Commissioner

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jerome Fletcher, City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Faust, City Clerk

Monday, May 6, 2024

9:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and provided required notifications regarding conducting a hybrid meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Commissioner Debbie McDowell, Mayor Alice White, Vice Mayor Philip Stokes and Commissioner Barbara Langdon

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Pete Emrich

Also Present:

City Manager Fletcher, City Attorney Slayton, Board Specialist Bodmer, Assistant City Clerk Powell, Fire Chief Titus, Police Chief Garrison, Assistant Development Service Director Barnes, and Natural Resources Manager Kalev

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck English.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

2. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Draft of the Unified Land Development Code Chapter 6 - Natural Resources

Mayor White announced the item.

Mr. Fletcher introduced the item.

Ms. Barnes provided a presentation regarding general articles, archeological, endangered and threatened species, flood prevention, Myakka River protection zone, tree regulations, open spaces, development areas, review, tree protection fund, historic buildings, map figures, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) model flood ordinance, eliminating unnecessary wordiness, wetland buffer, and next steps.

Commissioner Emrich joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m. and stated he will be attending the hybrid meeting via CMT due to experiencing a medical condition.

A motion was made by Commissioner Langdon, seconded by Vice Mayor Stokes, to approve the use of communications media technology (CMT) for a hybrid meeting. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Emrich, Commissioner McDowell, Mayor White, Vice Mayor Stokes and Commissioner Langdon

Commission questions and discussion took place regarding tree fund language, Environmental Department budget, Hearing Officer, archaeological sites, Historical district, historical site registry, conservation zone, Myakkahatchee Creek development, Myakka River, protection zone, tree survey, migration fees, heritage trees, land development, building permits, tree removal certificate of zoning compliance, unimproved property, incentivize tree planting, property tax rebate, vehicle language, invasive species, conservation land funds, planting language, and wetlands.

Consensus was requested to change section 6.8.5. to read 1. avoid filling wetland resources; 2. minimize adverse impacts to those wetlands that cannot reasonably be avoided; 3. provide compensatory mitigation via the state permitting process.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding development trees, relocating trees, and adding option to relocate development trees.

Consensus was requested to include the tree relocation option in the draft using Chapter 45-7c as a guide.

Commission questions and discussion continued regarding tree canopy survey.

Ms. Barnes spoke to next steps, Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) draft, comprehensive plan, submitting to the state, neighborhood meeting, definition section, first reading, and state review.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Alice White, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Faust, City Clerk

