



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

CITY COMMISSIONERS

Jill Luke, Mayor

Pete Emrich, Vice Mayor

Barbara Langdon, Commissioner

Debbie McDowell, Commissioner

Alice White, Commissioner

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Jason Yarborough, Interim City Manager

Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney

Heather Taylor, City Clerk

Thursday, September 2, 2021

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Luke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Jill Luke, Vice Mayor Pete Emrich, Commissioner Barbara Langdon, Commissioner Debbie McDowell and Commissioner Alice White

Also Present

Interim City Manager Jason Yarborough, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Assistant City Clerk Adriana Jianelli, Recording Secretary Amanda Baker, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Police Chief Todd Garrison, Human Resources Manager Deborah Hope, Parks and Recreation Director Sandy Pfundheller, and Marketing Outreach Coordinator Laura Ansel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cadet Neiko Fuentes.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Emrich, seconded by Commissioner Langdon, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

3. WELCOME OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

[21-1301](#) Welcome New Employees

Ms. Hope introduced the new employees.

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

[21-1315](#) Proclaim September 19th through 25th, 2021 as Forensic Science Week Presented to Cortnie Stender

Commission presented the Proclamation to Forensic Science staff.

[21-1369](#) Proclaim August 24, 2021 as Ukrainian Independence Day Presented to Daria Tomashosky.

Commission presented the Proclamation.

[21-1316](#) Presentation of a Proclamation Posthumously for Marshall Grove Presented to His Wife Beverly Grove.

Commission presented the Proclamation to Ms. Grove.

[21-1290](#) Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Thomas Nicholson, Jr., for serving on the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board and Kent Anderson for serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Commission presented the Certificate.

[21-1291](#) Recognize the Parks & Recreation Department for Receiving the 2021 Public Relations Award from the Florida Recreation and Park Association (FRPA) and Acknowledge the Contributions of the Rock Box Music School and Stage for the "Scoop, Scoop Baby" Music Parody Video

Ms. Pfundheller and Commission presented the award to Ms. Ansel.

[21-1317](#) Presentation of a Proclamation to Mike Ryan and Other Agencies for a Successful Multi-Agency Collaboration and Response to Hurricane Elsa and Post Storm Flooding

Chief Titus and Commission presented the Proclamation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

Discussion took place regarding the Sarasota County Delegation on September 30, 2021, designating Warm Mineral Springs and Little Salt Springs as outstanding springs, criteria of processing the bill, drafting the bill for submission, and submission deadline.

Ms. Slayton spoke to the Resolution adopted regarding designating the springs as per Florida Statute, the contract between the City and the lobbyist, stated the City Attorney's

office does not have expertise in drafting a bill, and suggested the City lobbyist draft the bill.

Discussion took place regarding experience in drafting priorities bills in the Florida League of Cities (FLC), FLC assisting in drafting the bill with the City lobbyist, and submitting the draft to the City Manager for Commission review.

There was consensus for Mayor Luke to contact the City lobbyist as the representative of the Board to work with Florida League of Cities to draft the bill.

There was consensus to utilize the City Attorney's office to draft the bill should the first plan fail.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Luke adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: _____
Gisele "Jill" E. Luke, Mayor

Attest: _____
Heather Taylor, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Commission Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2021.