



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes City Commission Regular Meeting

### *CITY COMMISSIONERS*

*Pete Emrich, Mayor*  
*Barbara Langdon, Vice Mayor*  
*Jill Luke, Commissioner*  
*Debbie McDowell, Commissioner*  
*Alice White, Commissioner*

### *APPOINTED OFFICIALS*

*Jerome Fletcher, City Manager*  
*Amber L. Slayton, City Attorney*  
*Heather Faust, City Clerk*

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Thursday, July 7, 2022

4:00 PM

City Commission Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

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

### Also Present

City Manager Jerome Fletcher, City Attorney Amber Slayton, Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jianelli, Fire Chief Scott Titus, Deputy Police Chief Chris Morales, and Risk and Benefits Manager Sandy Knowles

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Alice White.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joan Morgan: spoke on former Commissioner Russell Sr.

**3. WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES:**[22-3093](#)

Welcome New Employees

Mayor Emrich announced the item.

Ms. Knowles introduced the new employees.

**4. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**A. [22-3011](#)

Proclaim June 27, 2022 through July 1, 2022 as Boys &amp; Girls Club Week, Presented to Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties

*Commission presented the Proclamation.*B. [22-3124](#)

Proclaim the Month of July 2022 as Park and Recreation Month, Presented to the City of North Port Parks and Recreation Department

*Commission presented the Proclamation.*C. [22-2981](#)

Certificate of Excellence to be Presented to Edie Driest in Recognition of her Outstanding Volunteering to Inspect, Evaluate, and Submit Data to Florida Fish and Wildlife Services

*Commission presented the Certificate of Excellence.*D. [22-2982](#)

Certificate of Excellence to be Presented to Jennifer Krajcir in Recognition of her Outstanding Volunteering to Inspect, Evaluate, and Submit Data to Florida Fish and Wildlife Services to Identify Scrub Jay Habitats in North Port

*Commission presented the Certificate of Excellence.*E. [22-2983](#)

Certificate of Excellence to be Presented to Jon Kalfsbeck in Recognition of his Outstanding Assistance to Quickly Update Scrub Jay Area Map and Identify the Scrub Jay Area Parcel Numbers

*Commission presented the Certificate of Excellence.*F. [22-2984](#)

Certificate of Excellence to be Presented to Justin Bryde in Recognition of his Outstanding Assistance to Quickly Update Scrub Jay Area Map and Identify the Scrub Jay Area Parcel Numbers

*Commission presented the Certificate of Excellence.*G. [22-2985](#)

Certificate of Excellence to be Presented to Robin San Vicente in Recognition of her Outstanding Volunteering to Inspect, Evaluate, and Submit Data to Florida Fish and Wildlife Services to Identify Scrub Jay Habitats in North Port

*Commission presented the Certificate of Excellence.*

- H. **22-3156** Certificate of Excellence to be Presented to Former Commissioner Joseph H. Russell Sr., (Posthumously) and his Daughter Michelle Russell  
*Commission presented the Certificate of Excellence.*
  
- I. [22-3098](#) Presentation of the Certificate of Recognition of the 2022 Florida League of Cities: Home Rule Hero, to Commissioner Luke  
*Commission presented the Certificate of Recognition.*
  
- J. [22-3099](#) Presentation of the Certificate of Recognition of the 2022 Florida League of Cities: Home Rule Hero, to Commissioner McDowell.  
*Commission presented the Certificate of Recognition.*
  
- K. **22-3122** Presentation of the \$10,000 Donation from The David & Donna Batelaan Fund/Florida Kiwanis Foundation to Support the Purchase of a Wheelchair Accessible Playground Equipment Piece at Dallas White Park.  
*The David & Donna Batelaan Fund/Florida Kiwanis Foundation presented the \$10,000 donation to the City.*
  
- L. [22-3131](#) Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to Robert C. Garafalo for Serving on the Community Economic Development Advisory Board and Chris S. Sterner for Serving on the Environmental Advisory Board.  
*Commission presented the Certificates of Appreciation.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Emrich adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

City of North Port, Florida

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Emrich, Mayor

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

These minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.